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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

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27 July 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: US Army NATO Brigade (USANATO) Policy Letter #30, Prevention of Sexual Assault

1. REFERENCES:

- a. DoDD 6495.01, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program, 6 Oct 05.
- b. AR 600-20, Chapter 8, dated 7 Jun 06 Army Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program.
- 2. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to all US Army, NATO units and personnel.

3. POLICY.

- a. Sexual assault (rape, sodomy and indecent assault) is a crime and violates the Uniformed Code of Military Justice and other federal and local civilian laws. Incompatible with Army Values and the Warrior Ethos, it tears at the moral fiber of our unit formations and degrades readiness.
- b. The Department of the Army, in accordance with Department of Defense guidance, established the SAPR Program to eliminate incidents of sexual assault. Outlined in Chapter 8 of AR 600-20, dated 7 Jul 06, this command program focuses on awareness, education, and training to prevent sexual assault; advocacy and sensitive care for sexual assault victims; and accountability of those who commit these crimes.
- c. Commanders must ensure that sexual assault victims are treated with dignity, fairness, and respect for their privacy. Commanders must also recognize the SAPR Program affords victims the option of confidential and restricted reporting to officials outside the chain of command. The confidential disclosure option for sexual assault victims is critical to our commitment to ensuring that victims of sexual assault are protected, treated with dignity and respect, and provided support, advocacy, and care. The sexual assault confidential reporting option will have a positive impact in bringing all victims forward after a sexual assault.
- d. As leaders, you must monitor the execution of the SAPR Program responsibilities under your jurisdiction ensure all military, civilian and local nationals attend SAPR awareness training.

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- e. It is only through strong commitment and support by our leadership for the SAPR Program that we may remove the specter of sexual assault from within our Army. Leaders will use our medical and legal resources to assist and provide immediate care, counseling, and justice for victims of sexual assault.
- f. Sexual assault prevention requires leaders and Chain of Command involvement and we must all work together to implement this training and program to affect our Soldier's sense of well being while assigned to this command.

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